

INTERPORT CRICKET.

Straits versus Shanghai.

Both having suffered heavy defeat at the hands of Hongkong, Straits representative and Shanghai met on the Hongkong Cricket Club's ground to-day. The weather was still fine, though somewhat chilly, while the sky was rather overcast. As in the previous matches, the wicket was very fast.

Both sides fielded the same teams as in previous games, with the single exception that Hickley, the Straits captain, who had been injured, was replaced by Lieut. Paxton. Shanghai won the toss and put in Lanning and Barrett as their first pair. Hennessy and Lark taking the bowling. The umpires were Capt. Baird and Capt. Gansell.

The first over from Hennessy produced a couple of singles, while six came from Clark's first series of deliveries, including a batch of four byes. The first boundary was hit by Lanning off Hennessy, and the score became 10-0. The other four of Clark's runs over—two a pull and the other a pretty cut. He also turned nicely to leg for a further boundary from the same bowler, but at 36 gave a catch to long-off. Eddie easily holding the ball. The returning batsman had hit up 22 in 20 minutes.

Lamb went in next but only stayed a few minutes, being caught in the slips by Hennessy before he had scored. Half a dozen runs had been added since he came in, however.

The Anderson joined Barrett and the half-century was soon registered. At 55, however, Barrett hit a catch to cover. Brown having no difficulty in holding. By sound cricket the outgoing batsman had hit up 23.

The first runs had been added when Hawkins, the new man in, was easily caught in the slips by Zehnder off Hennessy's bowling. This was the first wicket credited to Hennessy. Hawkins failed to break his "duck."

Wilson came on in association with Anderson, and soon afterwards the latter was nearly taken at fine slip by Zehnder, the ball passing him just out of reach. Off a nasty ball by Hennessy the same batsman injured one of his fingers, through his bat playing dead and the subsequent considerable discomfort therefrom later. He still continued to play pretty cricket, but did not stay long. Eddie catching a most difficult one in the slips off Hennessy's bowing. Eddie failed to hold the ball at first, but turned anxiety round and did the needful. The score was now 73 for 6, the last wicket having put on 13.

Brand joined Wilson but the score had only advanced by 7 when the latter was caught by the bowler. Hennessy, just after he had been nearly out for an over.

Next man in was Shackleton, who soon cut prettily for a boundary off Mackenzie, who had been bowling in place of Clark for some time without success. Off the same bowler an over later he lifted to leg for four. At 34 Clark took the ball from Hennessy, and soon after Shackleton lifted out of the ground from the other bowler, the century thus being passed just in an hour and half's play. The batsmen were now sending the score up pretty rapidly. Once however, Shackleton sent up a catch in the deep field, but Greiner could not get to the ball and a boundary resulted. He had a "life" some little time after, Hickley missing a difficult catch in the slips.

At the fifth adjournment the score was 136. Brand being not out with 24 to his credit and Shackleton with 38. The wicket had put on 88 and were still not separated.

After fifteen runs continued to hit out well all round the wickets, knocking over 40 runs in less than a quarter of an hour. Both batsmen and bowlers were being badly punished, boundaries being frequently hit. Just after the wicket had pulled the score up from 80 to 180 a double change of bowling was made. Greiner and Hickley coming on. In the latter's first over Brand was dismissed, the score for 7 wickets being exactly 140 of which the retiring batsman had completed 38. He had played a most patient innings of sound cricket, never giving a chance. He and Shackleton had added 110 to the total.

Shortly after Brand had been dismissed, Shackleton the second century was telegraphed. Eight runs later Shackleton hit up a catch in the long field, and Eddie smartly caught him. He had made 82 in free style, although he gave a couple of chances. The score now stood 210 for 8 wickets.

Only one run was added when Sparks was clean bowled by Clark, who had now relieved Greiner.

Donnelly and Main were the last pair at the wickets. At 223 Main sent out a catch to long field, and Eddie beautifully caught it, but, fortunately for the Shanghai man, the umpire had given "no ball." The other batsman was lucky just after, Brown failing to take a difficult catch off his bat at cover.

The innings closed eventually for 238, the batsmen being clean bowled. The Shanghai man had been batting for nearly three hours.

Straits at the Wickets.

At 3 o'clock the Straits went out to bat, Eddie and Greiner being first pair. The former batsman opened splendidly, minding 10 runs off Sparks's first over, all in pretty cuts. Greiner was badly missed in the slips off Donnelly's second delivery by Main, and then runs came very slowly. At 19 a change was made in the bowling, Main relieving Donnelly. But runs gradually came. For two had been coaching when Eddie gave a catch to mid-on. Brand comfortably effecting the catch.

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There was again a large attendance at the Theatre Royal on Thursday evening when the Bandmann Comedy Co. staged "David Garrick" Mr. Yana was superb in his principal part and brought down the house with his powerful acting in the famous scene where Garrick feigns drunkenness at the request of his lover's father in order to make her disenchanted with him. He was excellently supported by Miss Forsythe, who made a delightful Violet Graham.

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